

REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Minor amendments are proposed to claims 43, 45 and 46 to correct the claim dependencies thereof. During examination of the above identified application, the Examiner helpfully noticed that new claims 41- 46 to be added by Examiner's amendment started at claim 41 and that there was already a claim 41 in the case. The Examiner contacted Applicant's Attorney telephonically, who authorized the Examiner to renumber the claims by starting the new claims at claim 42. However, the dependencies in the claims renumbered to claims 43, 45 and 46 were not incremented. Accordingly, Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 such that the USPTO may issue the patent free from the above-noted errors. Inspection of the proposed amendments indicates that amendment is necessary for proper antecedent basis. Entry of the proposed amendments is respectfully requested.

No new matter is added, as is evident from inspection of the proposed amendments.

No fees are understood to be due in connection with the filing of this Request for Amendment under Rule 312. However, if a fee is determined to be due, authorization is hereby granted to charge Nufern Deposit Order Account No. 502343.

Comment Regarding Reasons for Allowance

The reasons for allowance stated in the Notice of Allowability accompanying the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due bearing a Mailing Date of February 1, 2008 may describe the claimed inventions using terminology that differs from the exact wording of the claims. The scope and meaning of each the claims, as well as the patentability thereof, is understood to be determined only by the actual words recited in each particular claim. No inference is to be made that any features of an invention discussed in the reasons for allowance and not present in a particular claim are in fact part of that claim or necessary to the patentability thereof, and no admission is made that limitations not discussed by the Examiner or Applicant in conjunction with particular art are shown by the art.